





THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Jonathan Meigs, et al.

Docket: 30-4590 (4950)

Serial Number: 09/361,458

Group Art Unit: 2832

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Examiner: Karl Easthorn

For: COMPOSITION AND METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING INTEGRAL RESISTORS

IN PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS

NOTICE: THIS APPLICATION IS UNDER FINAL REJECTION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

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In response to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2002, please consider the following remarks:



REMARKS

The examiner has rejected claims 1-11 and 21-29 under 35 U.S.C. 102 over Hunt et al. Applicants respectfully assert that this ground of rejection is improper since Hunt et al. fails to teach the structure of the presently claimed invention.

The present invention claims an electrically resistive composite material consisting essentially of an electrically conductive material selected from the group consisting of antimony, arsenic, bismuth, cobalt, tungsten, manganese, lead, zinc, palladium, phosphorus, sulfur, carbon, tantalum, aluminum, iron, titanium, platinum, tin, nickel, silver, copper and combinations thereof, and an electrically non-conductive particulate material selected from the group consisting of silicon carbide, alumina, platinum oxide, tantalum nitride, talc, polyethylene tetrafluoroethylene, and mixtures thereof evenly dispersed throughout the conductive material.